THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K THUNGON): (a) and (b) Field surveys and investigations for preparation of detailed feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil Vaigai link have been completed. The report is scheduled for completion in 1994-95.

(c) to (e) As per the preliminary feasibility report prepared by National Water Development Agency, the proposal envisages transfer of about 664 million cubic metres of surplus water of Pamba and Achankovil to water short area of Vaigai basin in Tamil Nadu. The project estimated to cost about Rs. 668 crores envisages 1 lakh hectare irrigation benefit in Tamil Nadu. The proposal also envisages 3 reserviors one each on Pamba Kal Ar, Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil rivers.

(f) All report on proposals studied by the Agency are formulated in consultation with basin States who are members of Technical Advisory Committee. Aslo consensus of concerned basin States is essential to decide project details, extent of participation by States, funding mechanism and schedule of implementation etc.

**Targets and achievement of irrigation facilities**

3416. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set and the achievements made in the creation of irrigation facilities during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) whether there was a wide gap between the targets and achievements thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the targets and achievements so far in Eighth Plan period; and

(e) the projections made by the Ninth Five Year Plan period, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The target and achievements for irrigation potential created for the Seventh Plan are as under:

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| Target | 12.9 million hectares |
| Achievements | 11.3 million hectares |

(c) The major reasons for gap between targets and achievements *inter-alia* include (i) limited availability of resources, (ii) thin spreading of limited resources due to undertaking of a large number of new projects, (iii) delay in implementation of irrigation project, (iv) erratic power supply, (v) inadequate funds for operation and maintenance of projects/ schemes and (vi) inadequate flow of institutional investment.

(d) Against the target of 15.80 million hectares fixed for irrigation potential created for the Eighth Plan (1992-97), the achievement during 1992-94 is about 3.96 million hectares.

(e) No projections have been made for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

**Amount spent on advertisement**

3417. SHRI MOHAMMED *AFZAL alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his Ministry on Advertisements given to the Newspapers directly or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Pattern Irrigation Project**

3418. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target date set for the completion of pattern irrigation project in Orissa;

(b) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the execution of this project;

(c) if so, the reason therefor;

(d) me steps taken to expedite the execution of this project; and